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Carmel: Bus Coops May Lose Monopoly

The bus cooperatives were warned yesterday by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Moshe Carmel, that if the recent increase in members' pay is not cancelled, their monopolies may have to be reconsidered.

Introducing his Ministry's budget in the Knesset for its second reading, Mr. Carmel said: "It is quite clear that the directors of the cooperatives, without any right, are distributing to their members public funds which they have received either as passenger fares or as Government subsidies meant to be used to renovate plant or to improve service."

He characterized the wage increases granted by Egged and Dan as "an anti-public act" which would have an adverse effect on the development and improvement of transport.

Mr. Carmel declared that neither the travelling public nor the Government would acquiesce in such management of a public utility and its "undermining from within."

Calls for Quick Change

He said that a quick and fundamental change must take place in the cooperatives' attitude towards the economy and towards the public funds at their disposal.

The unapproved payments made to the members must be halted and the funds already disbursed, against the Government's instructions, from the cooperatives' till — which is the till of a public utility — must be returned, Mr. Carmel said.

Otherwise we would have to face, in all its acute implications, the question of the possibility of doing away with the system which gives exclusive passenger-carrying rights to cooperatives which reject the authority of the public, the Minister declared.

The Government's control over the cooperatives has increased in recent years, he said. A special committee is now preparing detailed regulations covering all management operations and cost calculations.

Beginning May 1, bus tickets will "finally" come under the full control of the Ministry, Mr. Carmel said, enabling it to have full inspection of the cooperatives' receipts.

Ashdod Port

On the plans for a deep water port at Ashdod, Mr. Carmel said that the French team would complete its survey of the site within two months. After that, observations by local experts will continue for another year.

The preparation for a master plan would begin simultaneously. Mr. Carmel hoped that it would be possible to begin construction of the port in 1959 and that loading and unloading would begin in 1963.

In the meantime, until there was a deep-water port in the centre of the country, the Ministry was examining the possibility of developing Jaffa Port without a large investment. A particular objective would be to export up to three million crates of citrus from the port each year.

Although the larger questions of Israel transport were taken up during the debate, many speakers pointed out that there was room for improvement in more minor spheres. Mr. M. Olmert (Herut), for instance, declared there were few trains which arrived at stations on time. Mr. M. Kelmer (National Religious) pointed out that total confusion reigned at the passenger hall of Haifa port, with tourists sometimes waiting hours till their baggage was removed from the ship.

Road Accidents

A plea that the Government take firmer action to cut down traffic accidents was made during the debate, while Mr. I. Rokach (General Zionists) urged that the army substitute their present drivers by experienced civilian drivers.

Mr. A. Govrin (Mapai) proposed that the Government consider a long-range plan to increase the tonnage of Israel's merchant fleet to two million tons — a fleet that would employ 10,000 seafaring men. Such a programme would cost about $350m., he said, but interested investors could be found abroad. There was no hope of achieving economic independence unless the country's two seas were exploited, he declared.

With citrus exports expected to double by 1962, a deep-water port was essential for the south of the country, the area where most of the plantations were concentrated, Mr. I. Rokach stated. Like this speaker, Mrs. E. Talmi (Mapam) favoured the unification of the Tel Aviv and Jaffa ports. Mr. Y. Almogi (Mapai) stressed the importance of building a drydock in Haifa and said the IL2m. allocated in the budget for this purpose was "too little and too late."

(Business's Wages, — Page 4)

'Temporary' Accord On Radio Journal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A temporary compromise on the publication of the proposed Radio Journal was reached yesterday at a meeting of the Coalition Executive in line with the decision taken at Sunday's Cabinet meeting, reported yesterday.

It was agreed to vote for the sum originally allocated for the Journal, as a reserve for Kol Yisrael, at today's meeting of the Knesset Finance Committee. After the Knesset recesses the Cabinet will discuss the final allocation of the sum.

Progressives Seek Talks with Eshkol

Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Progressive Party has asked Finance Minister Eshkol to discuss with its representatives the fate of proposed travel tax and income tax increases. The outcome of this talk, which is expected to take place during the Knesset session this week, will influence the party's decision whether to stay on in the Cabinet.

The party's executive committee met here yesterday in a heated atmosphere. The chairman of the Tel Aviv branch brought to vote the resolution to vote against the Government proposals, although such a vote would lead to withdrawal from the coalition. The motion was defeated by 17 votes against 11, with five abstentions.

In Progressive circles here it was not believed that the Minister of Finance would reject everything the Progressives have demanded, or indeed that the party's representatives in the Knesset would have no choice but to vote against the Budget.

Political observers thought that Mapai might offer its reluctant partners to quash the radio journal idea in return for the full-hearted support to Mr. Eshkol's unpopular tax increases.

Lawson Named U.S. 'Asor' Delegate

WASHINGTON, Monday (INA). — President Eisenhower today designated Mr. Edward Lawson, U.S. Ambassador to Israel, to represent the U.S. at Israel's Tenth Anniversary celebrations. The White House spokesman, Mr. James Hagerty, told newsmen that there had been consideration of sending a special official delegate from the U.S. to honour the anniversary, but it was decided to designate the Ambassador, who is already in Israel, Mr. Hagerty pointed out that some other countries were also being represented at the celebrations by their Ambassadors.

It was learned from official U.S. sources that the State Department thought that too much American attention to the Israel event would jeopardize U.S. diplomacy in the Arab world. It was also indicated that the Department had reservations about participation in ceremonies that might tend to give an impression that America officially recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In New York, Mayor Robert Wagner has proclaimed the period beginning with "Z" Day, March 30, and ending on Israel's Independence Day, April 24, as ZOA enrolment month.

MRS. MEIR DUE IN PARIS ON FRIDAY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Monday. — The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, is expected to arrive in Paris on Friday, following her West African tour, for a two-day visit during which she will meet a number of French leaders.

Army Officer Slain by Jordan Infiltrators

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — An Israel Army officer was killed this afternoon in a clash with armed shepherds from Jordan on the Dhahariya-Beersheba Road, near Lahav.

The officer, Segen Mishne Yosef Feingold 20, from Gedera, was leading a patrol which sighted the group of shepherds crossing the border into Israel with their flocks.

The patrol gave chase and the Israel patrol leader was killed when the Arabs opened fire as they escaped across the border.

Feingold had completed an Officers Training Course only six weeks ago.

SYRIANS FIRE AT ISRAEL WORKERS

Fire was opened from Syrian positions yesterday at noon, at a group of Israel workers at work in the southern Lake Hula area, it was announced last night by the Army spokesman.

Israel police returned the fire. There were no casualties among the workers or the policemen.

It was learned that the workers were at work in the drained area of the lake in the presence of U.N. observers on both sides of the border.

Jordan MAC Rules On Two Border Incidents

The Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, in the absence of the Israel delegation, yesterday found Israel responsible for two recent breaches of the Armistice Agreement.

The first concerned the wounding last Tuesday of a four-year-old Arab boy in the Jordan village of Budrus by fire from Israel troops carrying out manoeuvres in Israel territory across the demarcation line.

The resolution called on the Israel authorities to take all possible steps to prevent the recurrence of such incidents, which had recurred frequently in recent months.

The second resolution alleged that three armed Israelis crossed the demarcation line early last Wednesday and killed a Jordan farmer, together with his horse and donkey, while he was ploughing his fields well within Jordan territory. It called on the Israel authorities to "make every effort to discover and arrest the guilty persons involved" and to "bring them to justice in accordance with existing criminal laws."

Informed sources in Jerusalem last night said the shooting in the neighbourhood of Budrus was the result of a regrettable mishap during the course of military manoeuvres and that every possible precaution was being taken to prevent recurrence.

On the second incident, these sources said that investigations carried out in Israel showed beyond any doubt that the shooting of the farmer was the result of a feud between Arab villagers living on either side of the border. They added that the authorities intended bringing those responsible to justice.

Tito Gets 99% Vote In Yugoslav Election

BELGRADE, Monday (Reuter). — President Tito received 99.3 per cent of votes cast in his Belgrade constituency in the general election yesterday, it was announced today.

Other Yugoslav leaders also received over 90 per cent of the votes cast in their constituencies.

Informed sources here today said Yugoslav Communist leaders are showing signs of growing anxiety over alleged Soviet bloc breaches of an ideological truce agreed with the Kremlin eight months ago.

Though there has been no outright criticism of Yugoslavia's "national road to socialism," Yugoslavs are becoming increasingly piqued by what they regard as a subtle campaign in the Soviet and East European press to belittle and ignore Yugoslav achievement.

Syrian Ex-Deputy Premier, Azem, Reported in Exile

Khaled el Azem, the former Syrian Deputy Premier and Acting Defence Minister, arrived in Beirut on Saturday, apparently on his way to exile in Europe, the "New York Herald Tribune" reported yesterday from the Lebanese capital.

A similar report was carried by the Old City daily "El Jihad."

Azem negotiated the recent development pact between Syria and the Soviet Union and was regarded as a prominent pro-Communist figure.

The "Herald Tribune" report said he had been expected in Lebanon ever since his wife arrived there three weeks ago with 86 pieces of luggage.

He was the only important Syrian Cabinet member not appointed to the U.A.R. Cabinet after the merger with Egypt.

Azem

In Damascus, Colonel Abdul Hamid Serraj, Syrian Interior Minister, on Sunday night accused the U.S. of being behind the alleged plot against Abdul Nasser.

He told an Indian press delegation visiting Syria that Saud's go-between asked him to contact the American Embassy in Damascus immediately after the success of the projected coup. The Embassy had pledged it would give formal recognition to the coup regime, he alleged.

"This proves there was close contact between the Saudi Arabian and the Americans," Serraj claimed, warning that the "imperialists and their collaborators have not yet ceased their anti-U.A.R. intrigues." He added: "The people of the United Republic will fight against imperialism as strongly as the Algerians and the Cypriot EOKA fighters."

Amman Radio's political commentator said last night that Azem and General Afif Bizri (who resigned over the weekend) "may be the first of Nasser's victims in Syria. They are certainly not the last." The commentator added: "Bizri should have been given a ministerial post instead of the good-for-nothing Serraj. Such is the fate of Bizri and Azem who sacrificed their careers to enable Nasser to lay the foundations of his empire. They were thrown away like squeezed lemons once Nasser had extracted everything from them."

The London "Daily Telegraph" yesterday interpreted the current train of events in Syria and Egypt, including the resignation of General Afif Bizri, as being in line with Nassar's "genuine desire to keep Russian influence at a distance."

Dulles Unsure Of UAR's Intentions

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — Secretary of State Dulles said today that the recent merger of Egypt and Syria into the United Arab Republic did not create for the U.S. any great problem that did not exist before.

"It has certain short-range advantages in the sense that some of the more radical pro-Communist elements in Syria now seem not to have as important a role in the Government of the new Arab Republic as they would have had and were having in the independent state of Syria," he said.

"It is harder to estimate the long-range results. The short-range result is not adverse at the moment. It depends on the attitude they take — whether they take an attitude of hostility toward other Arab countries is not clearly seen.

Appreciates Fears

"I know there is a feeling of apprehension in other states, and if that apprehension turns out to be justified, it will create problems. But it is almost impossible to make an appraisal of the future there — it has good possibilities and it also has bad possibilities."

He was speaking to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which is considering President Eisenhower's foreign aid programme.

The President wants a $3,942m. foreign military and economic aid programme for the fiscal year beginning next July. This programme is meeting resistance in Congress as a result of the recession.

No 'Give-away'

Mr. Dulles said cries that the programme was a "foreign give-away" were louder at a time when there was unemployment in the U.S. and when much needed to be done at home. He added, "This is no give-away programme but an absolutely essential part of our great national effort to maintain peace and security for our country.

"Not to have this programme would be a give-away."

Asked why the U.S. was sending aid to Communist Poland and Yugoslavia, and to India, Mr. Dulles said the U.S. did not use its aid funds primarily for sentiment. "We use them in a way which is designed to permit freedom or to advance freedom in areas which are vital to us all."

Egyptians Insist Saud Abdicated

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter).—Cairo newspapers today described as "abdication" the decision of King Saud of Saudi Arabia to hand over further key government posts to his brother, Crown Prince Faisal.

A Saudi decree yesterday said the Crown Prince would now administer interior and economic policies. He is already Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

(Informed political quarters in Baghdad said the change was "no surprise," adding "it is clear evidence that rumours alleging disagreement between the two brothers were completely untrue.")

Last week Cairo newspapers reported a palace crisis in Saudi Arabia and said the Crown Prince was under house arrest. According to the semi-official Cairo newspaper "Al Shaab" today, the Crown Prince had laid down a number of conditions for resuming cooperation with the King. One of these was that he be given full powers as Premier and Foreign Minister—posts which, the newspaper said, the Prince had held only nominally.

Council Commissions Meet

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Political Commission of the Zionist General Council yesterday heard reports from Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Mr. Meir Grossman of the Jewish Agency, and Mr. Gershon Avner and Mr. Ya'acov Shimoni, of the Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Grossman spoke on the Arab boycott, on inviting delegations and prominent personalities to Israel, and on the creation of Friendship Leagues. Mr. Avner, head of the U.S. Division of the Foreign Ministry, gave an account of Israel-American ties; and Mr. Ya'acov Shimoni, head of the East European Division, spoke on relations with East Europe and Asia. The Director-General of the Ministry, Mr. Walter Eytan, is due to speak today. The Commission chairman is Mr. Barnett Janner (Confederation).

The Commission on Activities in Israel, under the chairmanship of Rabbi S.M. Zambrowsky (Mizrahi), heard reports on immigration trends from Mr. S.Z. Shragai, and on Youth Aliya from Mr. Moshe Kol. Absorption will be discussed today. The Deputy Chairman, Mr. J. Bankover, was in the chair.

The Commission on Activities in the Diaspora, under the chairmanship of Mr. A. A. Redelheim (Confederation), was addressed by Mr. Eliahu Dobkin and Mr. Shenkar on youth and pioneering activities, and by Mr. A. Harman on information. Messrs. Zvi Lurie, Z. Shazar, and D. Bet-Arye were still to speak last night.

The Budget Commission is under the chairmanship of Mr. Y. Korn. It is to hear from Dr. Dov Joseph, the Treasurer, the details of a special project to be undertaken by the Zionist Organization to bring in more investment capital.

(Budget Debate, — Page 3, Col. 2)

UN Chief Opens Parleys With Soviet Leaders

MOSCOW, Monday. — The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, talked for more than an hour and a half with the Soviet Communist leader, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, on world problems today, but declined to give details afterwards.

He told reporters "It is not my policy to discuss these matters." He made it clear that no joint statement was likely to be issued at the end of his talks.

Mr. Hammarskjold who arrived in Moscow last night for a four-day visit, hopes by his methods of quiet diplomacy to ease the way for progress on disarmament, the Middle East and other problems with which the U.N. is concerned.

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was present when Mr. Khrushchev received the Secretary-General.

REPLY TO U.S.

The Soviet Union said in a note to the U.S. published here today that the most recent American note "cannot but disappoint everyone who regards the summit talks as a dependable means of relaxing international tension."

The note was a reply to the American March 6 memorandum in which the U.S. asked what would be the purpose of a summit meeting. "Is it the purpose merely to stage a spectacle? Or is it the purpose to take meaningful decisions?"

The U.S. aide memoire declared that America wants a meeting of Heads of Government "to take meaningful decisions which would begin seriously to resolve at least some important political issues, inaugurate some significant steps to limit armament, and by such decisions, to create an atmosphere conducive to further settlements."

UK Lets Cypriots Fete Greek Independence

NICOSIA, Monday (Reuter). — British authorities today issued permits for Greek Independence Day processions to be held in Cyprus tomorrow for the first time in three years.

The Nicosia District Security Committee announced that the processions will be allowed up to 1 p.m. g.mt. No security forces will appear on the scene, only traffic police.

In Famagusta, the Commissioner said permits would be granted on condition that no placard slogans were carried by marchers.

The permits were issued under a proclamation last night by the Governor, Sir Hugh Foot.

Bitter Polish Press Attack on Bonn

WARSAW, Monday (Reuter). — The Polish press and radio today launched bitter attacks on the West German Government, contending that equipment of its armed forces with atomic weapons is a virtual certainty.

The attacks, coinciding with a foreign affairs debate in the West German Bundestag (Lower House), are in marked contrast with the restrained tone adopted towards West Germany recently as Poland pushed her plan for an atom-free zone in Central Europe.

Newspaper articles now refer to "Hitlerian influences" in West German policy and recall "West German imperialism."

The newspapers emphasize a warning issued by a Polish Foreign Office spokesman on the eve of the Bundestag debate that the arming of the West German Army with nuclear weapons would create a new situation which would mean that Poland would have to consider means to strengthen her national security.

Nepal-Bound Dakota Missing in India

NEW DELHI, Monday (Reuter). — A Dakota aircraft with 16 passengers and a crew of four is feared to have crashed in the Himalayan foothills on a flight from Simla, India, to Katmandu, Nepal.

Search planes have so far found no trace of the aircraft.

Tunisia Said Ready To Let French Keep Bases

W. German Rally Against 'A-Death'

FRANKFURT, Monday (UP). — Thousands of wildly-cheering Germans yesterday hailed a bitter attack on Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's plan to arm German forces with atomic weapons.

A standing-room only crowd at Frankfurt's Congress Hall shouted their disapproval of Adenauer's majority government policy as the "Committee for the Fight Against Atomic Death" held its first public meeting.

The non-political Committee, formed of 41 leading politicians, scientists, trade unionists and authors, is campaigning to keep nuclear weapons and rocket bases out of Germany. The Committee has planned a nation-wide series of meetings to drum up public support.

The crowd repeatedly called for a general strike to back their demands.

Opposition Socialist Party leader Erich Ollenhauer said the Committee would not rest until it achieved its cause, adding that he personally would even go as far as to support such a strike.

Also present was Willi Richter, the President of West Germany's over six million strong trade union federation. He would not give his opinion on a general strike but hinted he would seek the opinion of leaders of federation member unions.

Scientist Walter Weizel, Professor of Physics at Bonn University, warned that if atomic armament continues and a war comes, the results will be a stone-age civilization.

The meeting was seen as the beginning of 83-year-old Chancellor Adenauer's first serious setback since he took office in 1948.

Not Raising Algerian Issue

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Gaillard today considered with his Foreign and Defence Ministers the terms on which France could resume talks with President Bourguiba of Tunisia in the light of reports received by him last week from the Anglo-U.S. Good Offices envoys, Mr. Robert Murphy (U.S.) and Mr. Harold Beeley (Britain).

The envoys have persuaded Mr. Bourguiba to resume talks with France without raising the question of Algeria, and have also got him to agree to abandon his demands for the total departure of French troops from Tunisia and for France to leave the naval base of Bizerta, it was learned from usually reliable source here.

These sources say Bourguiba would be willing to resume negotiations with France and to enter into internationally recognized guarantees for French consular representation in Tunisia and for the establishment in terms of international law of the rights of French citizens living there. He would also be willing to negotiate a long lease of Bizerta to France.

Pressure on Gaillard

Since the Good Offices mission got under way, the government has been under heavy pressure from the right wing of the conservatives and the ex-Gaullist group in the National Assembly not to withdraw troops from any aerodrome in Tunisia as long as hostilities in Algeria continue.

Behind this revolt lies a campaign directed against the Western Mediterranean defence pact suggested by Mr. Gaillard as a way of associating the nations of North Africa and other countries interested in the Mediterranean in a common defence of the area and a joint exploitation and development of the Sahara.

The Prime Minister refused to be bullied. But to calm the storm inside his majority, he rephrased to some extent his policy in North Africa. In a speech in the country yesterday he said Tunisia must abandon her present attitude of co-belligerence with the Algerian rebels if relations between France and Tunisia are to be normalized.

(INA, Reuter)

Jakarta Claims Further Gains

JAKARTA, Monday. — The Indonesian Government said today that the U.S.-owned Caltex and Standard Vacuum Oil companies have resumed operations in the oil fields around Pakan Bahru, former rebel centre in Central Sumatra captured by Government paratroops early this month.

The two companies shipped out crude oil from the region yesterday, it said.

The Indonesian Antara news agency, quoting "loyalist army information sources," reported today that Central Government forces have cleared a key region near Medan of rebel troops.

It said that the Langkat Regency, also known as Kabupaten, between the north Sumatran capital of Medan and Atjeh province to the north, "has now been cleared of remnants of rebel troops."

The rebel Minister of the Interior, Colonel Djambek, tonight accused Indonesian Government troops of cutting the throats of 19 rebel officers and men at a truce meeting last week.

Foreign Minister Subandrio said in a broadcast today the rebels were in a "critical position." Their "false propaganda" had failed to influence either the people of Central Sumatra or foreign countries, he added.

The Indonesian Attorney General has ordered the March 24 edition of the American magazine "Newsweek" banned from circulation because it "belittled the Indonesian armed forces," Antara news agency has reported.

In Washington, the State Department said today that a report in an Indonesian newspaper that Secretary of State Dulles had promised arms to the Indonesian rebels was "entirely without foundation."

At the same time, U.S. officials indicated that consideration has been suspended on the Indonesian Central Government's request of last year to be permitted to purchase a large amount of American arms. They said this was the usual procedure in similar situations where there was strife.

(Reuter, UP)

N.Y. RALLY PROTESTS POOL IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — More than 3,500 persons filled the Manhattan Centre here yesterday afternoon to protest against what were termed "actions against Jewish orthodoxy in Jerusalem by the Government of Israel." The meeting was held under the auspices of the "National Committee for Freedom of Religion in Israel."

A spokesman said the committee was composed of "various Jewish orthodox groups."

W.J.C. Fears For Fate of Soviet Jews

AMSTERDAM, Monday (Reuter). — The European Council of the World Jewish Congress today voiced fears about the "situation in which three million Jews in the Soviet Union find themselves."

A Congress official said it would "call on the Soviet Government to return cultural and religious freedom to Jews and permit them to contact Jews abroad."

AFTER MIDNIGHT

In elections to the Jerusalem Municipality workers committee held yesterday, the joint list of Mapai, Mapam, Ahdut Ha'avoda and Hapoel Hamizrahi won all 19 seats on the committee. The Progressives and Poalei Agudat Yisrael had each had one member on the outgoing committee.

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Social & Personal

President Itzhak Ben-Zvi yesterday received Prof. Hugo Valentin, of the University of Uppsala in Sweden. The President also received Mr. Dan Pines, editor of the Popular Encyclopaedia, and Mr. Yehuda Orinsky, editor of Amitai Publications, who presented him with the three volumes of the new encyclopaedia.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday received Prof. Gregory Pinkus, Scientific Director of the Worcester Foundation, and Mrs. Pinkus; Prof. Ralph I. Dorfman, Director of the Foundation Laboratories, and Mrs. Dorfman; Prof. Bernhard Zondek; and Dr. Michael Finkelstein.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday entertained to luncheon the following members of the Zionist General Council: Mrs. Haya Surchin, Mr. A. Boborov, Mr. I. Hamlin, Mr. H. Hansen, Dr. H. Seidel, Dr. S. Levenberg, Prof. H. Fineman, Mr. M. Zuckerman, Mr. B. Kowalsky, Mr. Y. Katzman and Mr. I. Harcavi.

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The Polish Minister and Mrs. A. Bida yesterday held a farewell reception at their home in Ramat Gan for Mr. Jan Slowikowsky, who has completed his tour of duty as First Secretary of the Legation, and Mrs. Slowikowski. Among those present were the Ministers of Health and Development, members of the Diplomatic Corps and Communist Knesset Members.

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The Head of the Jewish Agency's Youth Aliya Department and Mrs. Moshe Kol yesterday were hosts at a luncheon at the Swedish Home, Jerusalem, to members of the U.S. Hadassah delegation and representatives of the Hadassah Council in Israel.

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Mr. Israel Dunsky, Chairman of the Zionist Federation and I.U.A. of South Africa, and his Deputy, Mr. Y. Hanson, were yesterday the guests of Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, Chairman of the Keren Hayesod Directorate.

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A group of 35 Arab notables including Knesset members and mayors from Galilee and the Israel Triangle, are touring the Negev as guests of the Prime Minister's Office. The group was received by Mayor David Tuvyahu of Beersheba and later continued to Sdom, Oron and Eilat.

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Mr. E. Ward, Resident Representative of the U.N. Technical Assistance Board in Israel, visited the Hebrew University campus yesterday and was guest of honour at a University luncheon given by Prof. M. Evenari, Acting President of the University.

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The Kishon Rotary Club has elected as its officers for 1958/59 Messrs. Gidon Schallinger, President, Israel Geller, Secretary, R. Harris, Y. Etzion, H. Haifon, I. Zohar, Directors. The new Board of the Tel Aviv-Yafo Club whose members came from seven different countries (as reported on Friday) includes also one native Tel Avivian: Mr. Aharon Wilner, the advocate, who edits the club's weekly bulletin, "Hagalgal."

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The Sha'are Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem, has announced the opening of a room in the name of the late Dr. Moshe Wallach on the occasion of the anniversary of his death.

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Dr. Rudolf Bloch, Chief Chemist at the Sdom Potash Works, has left for a two-month lecture tour in Brazil as the guest of the Research Council of the Brazilian Ministry of Development. He is to lecture on the use of solar energy in the production of potash.

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A luncheon in honour of Sir Alexander and Lady Knox-Helm will be given by the Israel and British Commonwealth Association at the ZOA House, Tel Aviv, today, at 1 p.m.

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To mark the 60th anniversary of the publication of Emile Zola's "J'accuse," two lectures, in Hebrew and English, will be given tonight on "Emile Zola — Fighter for Truth" at the Haifa Technion at 8.30, under the auspices of the French Culture and Art Circle and the Haifa Municipal Education Department.

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MEMORIAL MEETINGS

A memorial service for the victims of the Mount Scopus convoy disaster, which took place ten years ago, will be held under the joint auspices of the Hebrew University and the Hadassah Medical Organization today, at 12 noon, in the Yeshurun Synagogue, Jerusalem.

A memorial meeting for the late Prof. E. J. Bonaventura, Dr. A. H. Freimann and Dr. B. Klar, who lost their lives in the Mount Scopus convoy disaster ten years ago, will take place today, at 6 p.m., in the Abraham Mazar Building on the Hebrew University campus. Tributes will be paid by Prof. E. Urbach, Prof. G. Tedeschi and Dr. A. Mirsky. Special buses will leave from Terra Sancta at 5.30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SITES

SAFAD, Monday. — Historical and religious sites will be restored and developed by the Municipality here and the Ministry for Religious Affairs. One of them is the house of the "Ari", Rabbi Yitzhak Lurie Ashkenazi, which was destroyed in the 1837 earthquake.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
March 25, 1958

In the Supreme Court

Before the President (Justice Olshan) in Chambers

Ya'acov Heruti v. The Attorney General (Misc. Appl. 17/58).

Reduction of Sentence and Release on Bail Two Separate Questions

The President of the Supreme Court ordered the applicant, Ya'acov Heruti, to be released on bail, after his application for such release had been refused by the Tel Aviv District Court.

Ya'acov Heruti was found guilty by the Tel Aviv District Court of libelling a magistrate and not guilty of belonging to a terrorist organization. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment on the first charge.

Both Heruti and the Attorney General appealed against the verdict and the sentence, the former against his conviction and the severity of the sentence and the latter against the acquittal on the second charge and the leniency of the sentence imposed for the first charge.

Heruti had served two-thirds of his sentence by March 9, 1958, and the two appeals were due to be heard on March 24. On February 26, the Parole Board, which had met to consider whether Heruti should be released after serving two-thirds of his sentence, in accordance with section 17(b) of the Penal Law Revision (Modes of Punishment) Law, 1954, decided that there was sufficient time until March 9 for Heruti's appeal to be heard if special representations were made to the Supreme Court to hasten the proceedings. They did not consider at all the question of recommending Heruti's release.

Heruti thereupon applied to the District Court to be released on bail pending the outcome of the appeals.

This application was heard, and rejected on March 14 and he then applied to the President of the Supreme Court to reconsider the decision of the District Court, in accordance with section 7 of the Release on Bail Ordinance, 1944.

Section 17(b) of the Modes of Punishment Law states that:

> "where a person has been sentenced to imprisonment for a period exceeding six months and has served two-thirds of such period the Minister of Police shall release him if the release is recommended by the Parole Board." (authorized translation.)

Section 29(b) of the same law provides that:

> "a Parole Board shall not recommend that a prisoner... be not released from imprisonment until it has given the prisoner or, if he so wished, the prisoner and his representative, an opportunity to be heard."

Mr. Adereth appeared for the applicant and Mr. C. Gillon, the State Attorney, for the respondent.

Decision

The President, in delivering his decision, pointed out that there had not been the slightest hint on the part of the prosecution that the applicant's conduct in prison had been such as to warrant a refusal to deduct a third of his prison sentence on that score.

He deduced from section 29(b) of the Modes of Punishment Law, the President continued, that it is the inviolable right of a prisoner to have the question of his prior release from prison considered on its merits by the Parole Board. From the letter of the Parole Board's decision, however, it was clear that they had not considered this question on its merits and had, in fact, not considered it at all.

Whether the fact that an appeal is pending is a proper and legitimate excuse for the Board's failure to fulfil the duty imposed upon it by law is not within his province to decide, the President said. He was merely called upon to decide whether the District Court's reasons for refusing to release the applicant on bail, pending the appeals, were justified and had not been asked by the applicant's Counsel to consider or express an opinion on the question as to whether the Parole Board should have recommended a reduction of the applicant's sentence.

If, the President continued, the Parole Board had considered the applicant's case and had decided to postpone any recommendation as to the reduction in his sentence until after the appeals had been heard, then the respondent could justifiably have argued that it is not a vested right belonging to every prisoner to have his sentence reduced — and that by the maximum third — and that in the present case therefore the applicant was not entitled to this reduction at this juncture. However, this was not the case and his (the President's) only task was to weigh up the hardship to the applicant as against the convenience of the prosecution in deciding whether to release him on bail.

Time Cannot Be Returned

In weighing up this question, the President held that the prosecution had nothing to lose if the Parole Board, when it eventually considered the question of the applicant's prior release, decided against recommending a reduction in his sentence. For in that case the applicant's bail would be cancelled and he would return to prison to complete his sentence.

But, on the other hand, if the Parole Board should eventually decide in favour of recommending a reduction in the applicant's sentence and he were still detained in prison, they would be forced by the circumstances of time to recommend a reduction of less than the maximum third and the applicant would be irretrievably denied the opportunity of benefiting to the full from the privilege which he might have enjoyed.

There was therefore a sound basis to the applicant's arguments in favour of his being released on bail, even if it should be presumed that he would lose his appeal against the severity of the sentence imposed on him by the District Court. The outcome of the Attorney General's appeal, on the other hand, could most certainly not affect the present issue, as Mr. Gillon himself had agreed.

The balance was therefore in favour of granting the applicant release on bail, the President held, and this decision could in no way affect the Parole Board's final opinion as to whether, and to what extent, to recommend reducing the applicant's sentence, nor could it in any way interfere with their discretion.

The applicant was ordered released on IL3,000 bail.

Decision given on March 18, 1958.

HAMEKASHER ISSUE COMPROMISE

A compromise agreement was this week reached between the management of the Hamekasher bus cooperative and the Histadrut, Jerusalem, on the Histadrut's claim to a voice in the acceptance of new members by Hamekasher.

Two Histadrut representatives will in future be coopted on the management whenever nominations for membership are discussed. The Histadrut had originally wanted a parity committee.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
322, 249, 33.3, 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.35, 7.00 & 7.25 a.m., 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 11.00 p.m.
English: 1.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.47 Musical Clock (R).

12.00 N. Lunchtime Music — Soloist: Danny Dauberson (Vocalist). 12.30 Woman's Corner. 12.45 "From the Concert Hall": Poem op. 25 (Chausson); "Rossiniana" (Rossini-Respighi).

4.30 News Summaries in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 Musical Miniatures. 5.10 Tora Lesson by Dr. N. Leibovits. 5.30 Youth Corner. 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Popular Songs & Tunes. 6.30 On Our Broadcasting Service. 6.40 Kurt Baum (Tenor). 7.15 "Serenade." 7.20 The Meeting of a Sentence. 7.55 The Week at the U.N. — Edited by Arie Avner. 8.10 Noah's Ark. 8.55 Bible Reading: Psalms, Chaps. 139 & 140. 9.15 Concert by the Kol Yisrael Orchestra — Conductor: H. Freudenthal. Soloist: Hanoch Jacobi (Viola) — Symphony No. 88 in G (Haydn); Concerto for Viola & Orchestra (Hanoch Jacobi). 10.00 Talk on the Concert. 10.10 Concert (Cntd.): Incidental Music to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Mendelssohn).

SECOND PROGRAMME
462, 468, 208.7, 41.7 & 31.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 "First Broadcast": Miriam Ramsouth (Soprano). 6.35 "Wagadu's Fall Through Vanity" Oratorio Part I (Vladimir Vogel). 7.00 French. 7.20 Yiddish. 8.00 Rumanian. 8.15 Hungarian. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Interval. 9.15 Hebrew Lesson. 9.50 News in Easy Hebrew. 9.65 Polish. 10.00 News in English.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
467 & 41.67 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—2.15 and 6.30—8.45 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): Programme in South African: 4.15 News. 4.45 Topical Talk, by Michael Comay. 4.50 South Africans in Israel. 7.05 Musical Interlude. 7.10 News for the Jewish Student. 7.15 Yiddish.

Programme to the U.K.: 11.30 News. 11.45 Topical Talk by Michael Comay. 11.50 "Vistas of Israel" — Eilat. 12.05 Choral Music by Nissim Nissimov. 12.15 "Torah Literature in Israel Today" — by Rabbi Wohlgelernter.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 214, 235 & 235 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 7.00 News. 7.10 "The Voice & the Instrument." 7.30 "Bow and Arrow." 8.00 "Invitation to Dance." 8.10 "Noah's Ark" (Kol Yisrael). 8.55 Interlude. 9.00 News. 9.15 "Soldier's Library." 9.45 Dance Music.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.89, 16.84 & 24.80 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. "Mid-Week Magazine."

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme — (434 & 499 M.): 12.30 Midday Melodies. 4.30 Teatime Music. 7.15 "Featured in Films." 10.10 "Ten O'Clock Tunes." 10.45 "Virtuoso."

Princess Grace of Monaco seen here with her newly-born son. The child, the second to be born to Princess Grace and Prince Rainier, has been named Prince Albert Alexandre Louis Pierre Grimaldi, and is the heir to the throne.

May Have to Close Beersheba Clinic

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Monday.—The Hadassah Hospital here will be forced to close its clinic from April 1, unless institutions provide salaries for two additional doctors, Dr. W. Cohen, speaking for the Hospital's board of directors, told the Press yesterday.

The clinic, which treats an average of 50 persons a day, is understaffed, and five of its 12 doctors have to do 24-hour first-aid duty twice a week in addition to three 24-hour shifts in their own departments. Treatment is given free of charge. Eighty per cent of first-aid patients are Kupat Holim members who prefer not to queue at Kupat Holim's clinics, it was said.

Last July, Hadassah informed the Beersheba Municipality, Kupat Holim, the Army, and the Ministry of Health, that it would close the clinic in September 1957. On being promised assistance by these bodies it kept the clinic open, but the aid failed to materialise.

Dr. Cohen said that physicians were now leaving "because they could not work day and night without a break."

New Luxury Buses Ready for 'Tenth'

Thirty-seven new luxury buses for Tenth Anniversary tourists have recently been added to the country's bus fleets, Mr. Michael Bar, Controller of Road Transport, told a press conference in Jerusalem on Sunday.

The new Daimler and Leyland buses were completed in Israel and will be able to transport over 1,200 tourists.

Mr. Bar also announced that by Independence Day new road and place signposts will be set up to direct tourists and other travellers and to provide information on bus services. *(Ilton.)*

W.H.O. Chief Leaves

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A farewell reception for Dr. S. Sen, of New Delhi, Secretary of the Asian Division of the World Health Organization, who left yesterday for Yugoslavia, was given by the Tel Aviv branch of the Israel Medical Association at the home of Prof. M. Markus in Tel Benjamin on Saturday. Among the guests were Dr. Y. Bickeles, Chairman of the Tel Aviv branch of the Association, Dr. K. Kanowitz, member of the Association's central committee, representatives of medical institutions, and members of the medical profession.

Where to go

• **Meet the Israeli** —
Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

JERUSALEM

• **Zoo** :—
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. 8.30-5.

• **Exhibitions**—
1) Permanent Exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art. 2) Ancient Pottery from various civilizations from the museum's collections. 3) A preview of Primitive Sculpture. 4) Contemporary English graphics. 5) "Who Was Rembrandt?" 6) Mordechai Narkiss Memorial Exhibition. Bezalel, 9-1, 2.30-5.

Permanent Exhibition of Antiquities. Recent finds: Chalcolithic Ossuaries from Hazor and marble statue of Nemesis. Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 3-5.

Gouaches 1957/58 by Fima (E. Rocytenberg). Silver jewellery by Seri (exclusive to Georg Jensen Inc., Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.). Rina Gallery, 13 Princess Mary Avenue (entrance Rehov Yanai). Tel. 5910.

Paintings by Jerusalem Artists. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

Oils, water colours, drawings by:—Ludwig Jonas. Mosaics, sculptures by K. E. Marcus. Nora Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Avenue, 10-1; 3-6.

• **Tours**:—
Hebrew University Conducted Tour (in English), daily 10 a.m. Administration Bldg., New University Campus. Every Tuesday leaving Administration Bldg. 11 a.m. a visit to Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School in New Medical Centre, Ein Karem. Phone (until Monday) 82960 for bookings.

Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

• **Libraries**:—
Bezalel Museum, Sunday and Monday, 9-1; Tuesday and Thursday, 3-6.

• **Meetings**—
Public meeting, film arranged by the Israel Association for the Rehabilitation of Backward Children. Subject: The Problem of the Mentally Retarded Child. Beit Hillel, 5.

• **Concert**:—
Kol Yisrael Orchestra; Cond. H. Freudenthal; Soloist, Hanoch Jacobi (viola); works: Haydn, Jacobi, Mendelssohn; Y.M.C.A. Hall, 9 p.m. Tickets at Cahana's Agency, Tel. 2533.

• **Film show**:—
Centre de Culture Française. Pure a virer; Domaere-Mondragon: En passant par la Lorraine; 3 Ben Yehuda, 5.15 p.m.

• **Lecture**: —
"The Attitude of Christians Abroad to Israel." Impressions of a tour abroad by Dr. Haim Vardi, Advisor to the Minister for Religious Affairs on Christian Communities. Beit Hillel, 8.45 p.m.

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• **Tourist Service** —
Visit Hadassah Club, 50 Rehov Hayarkon. Tel. 22339.

• **Exhibitions**: —
Yohanan Simon. Oils and Gouaches; Mokady, 20 years of painting (1938-1958); Bat Yosef (Miriam Hellerman), Paintings and Watercolours; Ferro (Iceland) — Paintings and Drawings; Museum: 10-1; 4-7.

Works by Yves Dendal: Oils. Art Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 10-1; 4-7.

• **U.S.A. House**:—
Tourist Service (3-9), and daily.

• **Circus** :—
Medrano, Malehet Yisrael, two performances, 4.30, 8.45.

• **Theatre**:—
Habimah, "The Egg." 8.
Cameri, "Marius." 8.
Ohel, "All's For the Best," 8.

HAIFA

• **Tourist Service**:—
Visit Hadassah Club, 17 Jerusalem Street, Tel. 4876.

TIVON

• **Theatre**:—
Habimah, "Visions of Simone Machard." 8.

COMING EVENTS

JERUSALEM

• **Lecture**:—
"Israel and European Economic Interests," by Moshe Hartur (Foreign Ministry), auspices Israel Political Sciences Association. Beit Hillel, 8.30.

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Yesterday's Press

Indonesia—Pointer To Algeria

Haboker (General Zionist) observes that developments in Indonesia point to what can be expected in Algeria after the British and Americans succeed in ousting France as they did the Dutch. The anti-French Algerian rebel leadership does not have the training or the education to exploit the country's natural resources properly and offer the population a higher standard of living.

The result will be a civil war, a division of spoils and a lower living standard. Then we shall suddenly become aware of the fact that one of the sides has been enjoying Soviet support while the West has kept its hands off; and after a short while we shall find Khrushchev speaking in the name of a great part of Asia and Africa.

Ha'aretz (non-party) finds that Nasser is not having such an easy time of it in his efforts to implement his political programme and coordinate matters in Egypt and Syria. He can only hope that Sarraj, the Minister of Interior in the province of Syria to whom he has given a free hand, will be able to suppress the regime's enemies, who have both financial resources and political influence.

Bizri's Dismissal

Davar (Histadrut) writes that Bizri's dismissal does not mean that the Soviet Union will now wash its hands of the U.A.R. and the single-party dictatorial regime set up on the basis of nationalist and religious fanaticism. Moscow will be content to have the heads of this union denounce Imperialism (only when referring to the West), do their best to undermine the pro-Baghdad Pact Arab countries and to spread rumours about terror. The fact remains, however, that the Arab neutralists will not gradually become vassals of the East and the realists at the Kremlin will have to accept this and continue to support the U.A.R. just the same.

Haboker challenges *The Jerusalem Post* to explain to the prospective investor from abroad what sort of State the Israel Government runs with its policy of levies on raw materials, exit permit taxes and the arbitrary authority it assumes to control industry. And what investor will be prepared to base his calculations on sudden new levies whose rates for the following year not even the Minister of Finance can predict?

Discussing Dov Joseph's draft budget speech for the Jewish Agency, Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes that while the State's Tenth Anniversary will mark preparations for the absorption of a third million in the next ten years, the Agency's budget for the closing year of the first decade is based on a curtailment of immigration. Prospects in the field of existing settlements are not too bright either. What is needed is a special effort by the Zionist Movement to close the gap between the growing needs and the wherewithal to meet them.

Hatzofe (World Mizrahi) is gratified by the adoption of the "Jewish Consciousness" decision but points out that at best it constitutes only a substitute for real Jewishness. The paper urges the authorities to point this out to parents when they come to register their children at school.

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AT THE CINEMA

IN the air age "The Sea Wife" (Amphitheatre, Haifa) has the touch of the old novel of tropical shipwreck. It starts off with what would seem to be a sufficiently realistic reconstruction of the Singapore evacuation and of torpedoing by a submarine. Then four persons are cast on a rubber float, the nun (Joan Collins) whose identity is only known to the native purser (Cy Grant), the old planter (Basil Sidney) who knows that a woman, a native and a knife together on a raft always bring bad luck, and the younger man (Richard Burton). Before safety is reached, two boats fail to pick them up; there are a desert island, murder and a shark, not to mention the cinema essential, budding love between the younger man and the unknown woman. I liked the ending although it may be caviare to the general. They pass each other in London . . . does she resist temptation? and he . . . ? Quite entertaining.

Fascinating, Mystifying

VISCONTI has taken his "Les Nuits Blanches" (Armon, Haifa), French dubbed, from Dostolevsky's novel and has modernized it into the fog-laden alleys of some sea port. Although hampered by confinement to studio sets, he keeps you wondering until the end whether the girl (Maria Schell) really has a mysterious lover (Jean Marais) or suffers from hallucinations and that despite his appearance in mid-film, "Les Nuits Blanches" does not pull its punches about the seriousness of poverty but it has its bright spots — the perplexity of the young man (Marcello Mastroianni) who puts up with the girl's vagaries and how sorry you feel for him; the carpet repair shop where the girl works with her grandmother and how good is the latter in the opera sequences. Finally the lives come with some excellent dancing from Dick Sanders (who was seen in Israel with the Babilée Ballet) and here Visconti shows his strength in cinema.

The angular, jerky movements of the dancers are paralleled by the swing door and the alternating light and shadow which reveal here and heroine for a moment, block them out and then disclose them again. "Les Nuits Blanches" is rather mystifying at times but it is a fascinating story. *H.*

Haifa Firm Ordered To Re-export Imports

HAIFA, Monday. — A Government appeals tribunal yesterday ordered the Israel General Automobile Supplies Co. to re-export 100 out of the 200 refrigeration compressor units it imported last January. It authorized the disposal of the remaining 150 sets on the local market, only as complete condensing units (which cost considerably more than compressors), over a period of two years.

The order followed strenuous protests by the Gruenspan Engineering Works which claimed that it produces sufficient of the compressors to meet the entire local demand. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry had held the imported goods in Haifa Port pending an investigation. The importer appealed against the Ministry's action.

The tribunal was presided over by District Court Judge Y. Cohen.

Garbage Disposal Plant for Tel Aviv

A new garbage disposal plant is to be put into operation in Tel Aviv by the Winogradow Brothers at the beginning of next month.

The firm which was chosen by participating in a tender held by the Municipality, will specialize in extracting re-usable metals from the garbage brought to it from the Municipal collections.

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Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 1.30, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARMON : Ben of the Arrow.
EDEN : The Last Time I Saw Paris.
ORION : Yeagtse Incident.
ORNA : Bernardine.
OR GIL : Love in the Afternoon.
ZION HALL: Crime and Punishment.
TEL OR : Mr. Dunning Drives North.
RON : Queen Bee.
EDISON : Cash; Senza Frontiere.
STUDIO : Divided Heart.

TEL AVIV

ALLENBY: The Admirable Crichton.
ARMON DAVID: Porte des Lilas.
CHEN : The Pride and the Passion.
DAN : Hot Summer Night.
EDEN : King of Youth.
ESTHER : Three Wilder Years.
GAT : All Mine To Give.
MAXIM : The King and Four Queens.
MIGDALOR : The Bolshoi Ballet.
MOGRABI : Adam and Eve.
OPHIR : Omar Khayyam.
ORION : The Story of Mankind.
PEER : An American in Paris.
SHDEROTH : Ambassador's Daughter.
TAMAR : The Cranes Are Flying.
TCHERLETT: Pinocchio.
TEL AVIV : Peyton Place.
YARON : Sagamore.
ZAMIR: Scandal in Milano.
ZAFON : Ich Und Meine Frau.

HAIFA

ARMON : Les Nuits Blanches.
EN DOR : Shree 420.
ORLY : The Life of Mozart.
AMPHITHEATER: Sea Wife.
ORAH : Et Dieu... Crea La Femme.
GAL OR : Shield for Murder. Mata.: Pleater's Wife.
ORDON: Flood Tide. Mata: Duel der the Gun.
ATZMON : The Fastest Gun Alive.
MORIAH : Madame Butterfly.
PEER : Boot Polish.
MAY : The Buster Keaton Story.

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LAST PERFORMANCES
REHOVOT, Beit Ha'am, Tonight, March 25
PETAH TIKVA, Heichal, Wed., March 26.
HAIFA, Armon, Thursday, March 27.
GIVATAYIM : Noga, Friday, March 28.
ASHKELON : Rahel, Sat. night, March 29.
KIRYAT HAIM : Beit Ha'am, Monday, March 31.
JERUSALEM, Edison, Tuesday, April 1.

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Today's Postbag

The Weather

Forecast: Light showers in the morning, becoming partly cloudy. Scattered showers in the hills in the afternoon.

Weather synopsis: A depression over Turkey has moved eastward and a ridge of high pressure is penetrating into our region.

	°A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	—	—	—	10
Tiberias	—	—	—	10
Haifa Port	47	13	20	20
Natanya	46	12	17	17
Tel Aviv Kirya	42	13	17	18
Tel Aviv Port	40	14	17	18
Lydda Airport	37	10	17	17
Jerusalem	36	9	17	18
Beersheba	40	10	19	11
Sdom	37	17	17	19
Eilat	37	14	28	24

°(A) Humidity at 5 a.m. (B) Minimum temp. yesterday. (C) Maximum yesterday. (D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Moshe Shamir, the writer, from a visit to Holland and England (by El Al).

Mr. Hans Jahn, President of the International Transportation Workers and President of the Union of German Railroad Workers, and Mr. Omer Becu, general secretary of the International, for a five-day visit as guests of the Histadrut.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Sherover, of Caracas, Venezuela, for a two week visit in connection with plans for the construction of a community hall in Jerusalem (by K.K.L.M.).

Mr. and Mrs. S. Frumkin, of Buenos Aires, for a two month visit (by K.L.M.).

DEPARTURES

Mr. Lewis Cass, chairman of the Zionist Organization in Glasgow, Scotland, and a leader of the J.P.A. there, after a three-week visit (by El Al).

TOURISTS and Israelis can buy diamond jewellery, cameras, Swiss watches, French perfumes, tax free at the DUTY FREE SHOP, Lydda Airport, before boarding plane. (Advt.)

PASSOVER wine and matzos afterwards have been sent as a gift by Chief Rabbi Herzog to rabbis and communities throughout the world, including Eastern Europe.

THE HISTADRUT's 21-year-old Arabic weekly "Hakikat el Amer" this week took on a new look and appeared in an enlarged format richly illustrated.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

The Struggle for Independence

March 25, 1948

President Truman told a press conference today that he still favored Partition, but he wanted a U.N. Trusteeship as a temporary measure of governing Palestine, which would not prejudice the character of the final settlement, to fill the vacuum that would be left by the British withdrawal on May 15.

The Postmaster General announced today that surface mail from Cyprus to Palestine would be suspended on April 4.

400 Expected at Israel Historical Conference

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Messianism in Israel and the Nations" and "Nationalism in Israel and the Nations" will be the two central topics of a conference to open in Jerusalem on April 6 under the auspices of the Israel Historical Society, Prof. Israel Halpern, Deputy Chairman of the Society, told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

The three-day conference will take place at the Kaplan School on the Hebrew University campus.

This is the fourth annual conference of the Society, which was founded in 1926 to further research into Jewish history and increase general knowledge in this field. Prof. B. Dinur, former Minister of Education and Culture, is Chairman of the Society.

The conference is expected to be attended by some 400 persons from all over the country. Participants will pay a registration fee of IL2 to go towards covering the costs of the conference. An allocation of IL500 has been made by the Jerusalem Municipality.

Mr. Daniel Cohen, Director of the Society's Archives of Israel History, said that the records of Jewish communities, institutions and organizations as well as public and private archives throughout the Diaspora were systematically gathered by the Archives.

With the destruction of European Jewry, work centred mainly on the rescue of records left by the ravaged communities. Documents of Jewish interest in the Government archives of Poland were now being systematically filmed, the press was told. Contact had recently been made with archives directors in the Soviet Union and films of records pertaining to the history of Jewish life in Russia, particularly in the nineteenth century, were now being received.

Joseph Hits Z.O. Budget Critics, Has Plan to Raise More Funds

By MOSHE LEVIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Dov Joseph's incisive replies in the Zionist General Council budget debate yesterday routed the weak opposition, and left the Jewish Agency Treasurer in a balanced position. He fired off his trenchant arguments with the precision of a sniper, and when he finished, the delegates could do nothing but disperse into four commissions where they will deliberate out of the public's eye until Thursday.

His very first salvo hit the main point. Said Dr. Joseph: "I thought those present would devote more of their efforts to discussing ways of raising money, and not to discussing how to allocate it."

To those who were critical of the campaign he had mapped out for 1958-59, he retorted: "Are you of the opinion that the big banks do not take into account whether the budget is balanced or not? It is shameful to have an unbalanced budget. I want this to be a serious organization."

To the delegates who had suggested he was not vigorous enough in finding loans, he vigorously offered to give up his command to the man who would get more: "I included in this budget the sum of $20m. which we are about to receive from the banks. If there is somebody who can get more, I will pay his way to the U.S., I will inscribe him in the Golden Book; I am ready to give him my chair."

A shrewd strategist, he showed how the present budget was actually bigger than the previous budget, although the sum is smaller. The 1957 estimates were originally IL 187m., while the present draft budget is IL211m. Half way through 1957, however, the sum was advanced to IL230m. because of the large immigration, and, said Dr. Joseph, the same thing could happen this year.

Money Would Be Found

The money would be found for rescue immigration if it appeared this year; he hoped that it could be found as easily for the other items in the budget.

In deft counter-attacks to other criticisms voiced in the debate, the Treasurer declared:

- A return to transit camps was not required for the time being. Potential immigrants were not discouraged by the lack of means to absorb them.
- Youth Aliya suffered less of a cut in the budget than most other departments. Women's organizations abroad should be told that if they raised more money, cuts would not be necessary.
- The Jewish Agency tried to get capital from private sources in Israel, but money in the amounts required is just not available.
- Israel has not forgotten the Jews in the Arab lands, but the Jewish Agency can not bring them out.

Dr. Joseph left his blockbuster for last. The problem was not how to divide the money, but how to obtain more, he insisted. The value of this session depends "on our going out afterwards... and raising more money." He said he would bring before the Finance Committee a specific plan toward this end.

"This suggestion" which he did not disclose "will without doubt put you to the test."

Eshkol Gets Better Terms for Ex-Im Loan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

More flexible terms for the exploitation of the $24.2m. Export-Import Bank's loan have been agreed upon between a delegation sent to the U.S. by the Finance Minister and the Export-Import Bank, it was learned from sources close to the Finance Ministry in Jerusalem.

The Export-Import Bank loan granted to Israel last month, stipulated rigid terms for the use of the funds. Finance Minister Eshkol decided to send a delegation comprising Mr. R. Weits and Mr. I. Weiner to negotiate more flexible terms.

The new terms agreed upon will make possible a more liberal way of disposing of the funds both as regards the speed at which they will be allocated and the purposes for which they will be used in the overall irrigation and agricultural expansion programmes.

Interior Budget's Second Reading

The budget of the Ministry of Interior passed its second reading yesterday after the Minister, Mr. I. Bar-Yehuda, replied to the debate.

On the subject of the new rules recently issued by the Ministry regarding the recording of vital statistics in identity cards, Mr. Bar-Yehuda said that the Ministry's view was that statements made by new immigrants be accepted unless there was reason to doubt them.

As far as the Rabbinate was concerned, it has never accepted data recorded in identity cards even as prima facie evidence of marital status. Under the law, it was the Rabbinate which had the sole right to determine this when persons apply for a marriage licence, and there was no change in this respect, Mr. Bar-Yehuda said.

Knesset Passes Bill For Engineers' Code

Professional standards in engineering and architecture will be regulated by the Government under the Engineers and Architects Bill which passed its second and third readings in the Knesset yesterday, with only the General Zionists voting against.

The Bill provides for the establishment of an Engineering and Architecture Council to advise on the registration and licensing of persons in the two professions and on the adoption of a code of professional ethics.

Dauphine Prices May Be Reduced

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Transport Ministry is negotiating with the Kaiser-Frazer Company for the reduction in the prices of the Dauphine, Fregate and Quatre Chevaux cars, it was yesterday announced by Mr. P. Ginsburg, Director General of the Transport Ministry.

Mr. Ginsburg said that during his recent visit to France he has had negotiations with the Renault Corporation for them to authorise this price cut—the exact amount of which had not yet been fixed.

Mr. Ginsburg also reported that he has reached an agreement with the Renault Corporations which will enable Israel to purchase directly from the producers spare parts for the Dauphine, Fregate and Quatre Chevaux which are not produced by Renault. This will result in a reduction of 40 to 50 per cent in the price of some spare parts.

Spy Suspect Tells Of Egyptian Offer

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Aleibiades Kukas, Greek scrap merchant charged with espionage, today admitted in the District Court here that he had told the police that he had been asked by an Egyptian to find persons in Israel to work for him. He had been asked this by a Mr. Tanzis who had presented himself as a member of the Egyptian Police.

Kukas said that he had told the police that he was willing to work for Israel on condition that he was released.

He claimed that additions had probably been made to a recording of his interrogation by the police, which was run off in Court today. The police had coerced him, he said, but they did not strike him.

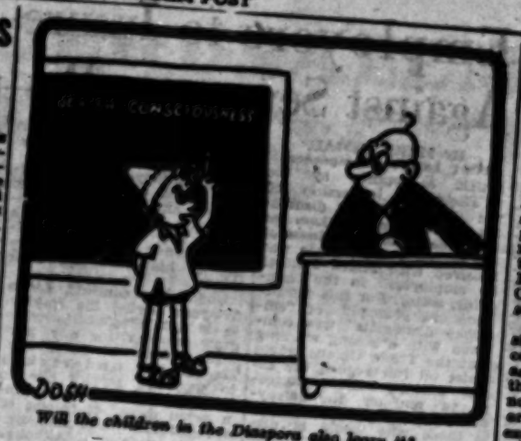
Hearing of witnesses ended today and summings up will commence on April, 29. (Itim)

Engineers Ask B.G. To Intervene

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Lakidum majority faction of the Engineers Union today passed a resolution calling on the Prime Minister to intervene in favour of settling engineers' regrading and wage demands.

After a long and stormy Union Council meeting here tonight, the majority faction called for a renewed appeal to both employers and Histadrut leadership to meet their demands, which include additional seniority ranging from IL80 to IL150 per month according to grades, payable from April 1.

If their demands are not met, then the Union will call a general strike from April 14.



Will the children in the Diaspora also learn it?

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Latin Patriarch In Nazareth for Mass

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH, Monday. — The Latin Patriarch of the Holy Land, Msg. Alberto Gori, accompanied by two Nazarethborn Arab priests, arrived from the Old City today.

They were received outside the Terra Sancta Monastery by the Galilee Military Governor, Sgan Aluf Y. Verbin; Mayor Amin Jarjura; Msgr. Antonio Vergani, the Pontifical Representative in Israel; representatives of the various communities; dozens of black- and white-robed monks and nuns and several hundred Catholic school children. A few minutes after his arrival, the Patriarch conducted a benediction at the St. Joseph Church.

Tomorrow he will conduct the Annunciation Day mass at the church. Several places have been reserved for members of the Latin American missions in the country and other diplomatic and consular staffs.

After the mass, Msg. Gori will lay the cornerstone of the Franciscan sisters' new convent.

A number of Roman Catholics from the Old City who had intended accompanying the Patriarch to Nazareth were refused permission by the Jordan authorities.

On Saturday over 500 Catholic school children from Haifa, Jaffa and other towns attended a special mass held for them at the St. Joseph Church.

Councillor Protests At Poster of Eye

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Posters depicting Eve before her fall, for the film "Adam and Eve," now being shown in the Mograbi Cinema in Tel Aviv, came in for indignant criticism in the Town Council yesterday, when Mr. S. Magid (National Religious Party) protested against the display of pictures of naked women.

Police were asked to investigate the poster problem, Mayor Haim Levanon told the Council. Some posters had already been removed from municipal hoardings, but the city fathers had no legal jurisdiction over posters appearing on private buildings, including the cinema itself, where a more than life-size portrayal is on view.

The film itself has passed the censor.

1,700 SHEEP DUE AT EILAT SOON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT, Monday. — The first cattle boat to arrive at Eilat is due in about two weeks' time with 1,700 Corriedale sheep aboard.

Mr. Nahum Peiez, spokesman for the local council, told the European Bond delegation today that the ship is arriving direct from Sydney. Aboard are seven shepherds to keep the sheep happy and four dogs, who will be in sole charge of their disembarkation.

As the animals were inspected in Australia, they will not be required to undergo quarantine here, and will be transported direct from the Red Sea port to their future pasture in a Negev kibbutz.

The 41-member delegation, on an eight-day tour of the country at the invitation of the Ministry of Finance, flew to Eilat today and were received by the chairman of the local council, Mr. Hanoch Nenner. Later they visited the Eilat Hotel and toured the Timna copper mines, where they were conducted around the installations by the director of the Israel Mining Corporation, Mr. Eliezer Bodenkin.

President Will Visit Nes Ziona for 'Asor'

TEL AVIV, Monday. — President Ben Zvi will pay a special official visit to Nes Ziona on April 29 within the framework of the Tenth Anniversary celebrations and the town's 75th anniversary celebrations, it was announced today by Mr. Meyer Weisgal, Chairman of the World Committee for the Tenth Anniversary.

Mr. Weisgal made the statement on a tour of Petah Tikva, B'nei Brak, Rehovot and Nes Ziona, together with the Director General of the Committee, Aluf Mishne D. Niv and other Committee officials, to check preparations for the celebrations in those towns.

He also revealed that Petah Tikva would celebrate its 80th anniversary in October and the celebrations would also be coordinated with the Tenth celebrations. (Itim)

Hadassah to Complete Centre by 1961

The construction of the Hadassah Medical Centre in Ein Karem will be completed in 1961 and will cost $17m. the Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, has been told by a Hadassah delegation composed of the World President, Dr. M. Freund, Mmes. J. Dushkin, E. Agron, L. Kramarsky, and Dr. A. Mann.

The delegation also reported that the organization has already collected $10m. for the construction of the Medical Centre.

The Finance Ministry's spokesman, Mr. S. Amir, quoted the delegation as reporting that Hadassah last year raised $3.5m. to finance the organization's medical activities in Israel. This was $500,000 more than the sums raised annually for the last few years.

Koor Lubrication Project Approved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Economic Ministers' Committee has finally approved the establishment of the lubrication plant to be run and controlled by Koor Industries and Crafts Ltd., it was learned here today.

The plant, which will necessitate an investment of $10m., is expected to save $45m. worth of diesel fuels, spray oils, asphalt and wax imported annually. Koor will have as partners a group of American investors headed by Mr. A. D. Freedlander, of the Dayton Rubber Co., Ohio. This is regarded with great satisfaction both in government and industrial circles, because the Dayton Co., which is already a partner in the Alliance Rubber and Tire Plant, is felt to have proved "that partnership on a purely business basis can succeed here."

Apart from Koor and its partners' fifty per cent share, Noa Ltd. (of the cooperative centre) and Hamashbir Hamercazi will also participate. The plant will be granted the status of an "approved enterprise" and benefit accordingly from development budget loans.

It is planned to build the new concern next to the Haifa refineries. It will be built in keeping with the latest advances in automative equipment. Thus only 240-250 workers — mainly technical and engineering staff — will be required.

Electronics Plant

The electronics industry planned by Koor in conjuction with the French firm, C.F.R., will have to wait for the result of market research projects being undertaken at present, it was also learned.

Following that, decisions will have to be taken on manufacturing and investment policies. It is expected that the French concern will provide a high proportion of the capital investment.

Another Koor plant nearing completion is the fire bricks factory in Beersheba. It is expected to go into operation by the end of the year under the management of Mr. Y. Eytan, a former Aluf in the defence forces. Its construction and equipment will cost IL3.1m., and it will employ 70 workers. Its completion will save an annual importation of 4,000-5,000 fire bricks and complete the industrial organization of Koor Industries, which include the Steel City and the Phoenicia Glass Works, both important consumers of fire bricks.

Capital Urged To Welcome Marchers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipality is calling on residents of the capital to prepare a big welcome for the participants in the Army's four-day march. The first groups—girls, old folk and members of Gadna — will arrive today week, to be followed on Wednesday by civilian male marchers and on Thursday by soldiers.

All will enter the city through Ein Karem and will march along Jaffa Road, King George and down to the Y.M.C.A. where they will receive awards.

The Jerusalem public is also asked to welcome delegates to the conference of the International Federation of Children's Communities which is to open next Monday at the Hebrew University.

Industry-Gov't Body For Raw Materials

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A joint committee of representatives of the Government and industrialists will be formed and will meet in the next few days, Mr. A. Shenkar, President of the Manufacturers Association, announced here tonight at a meeting of the Association.

Mr. Shenkar announced this after meeting with the Acting Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Naphtali, to discuss the formation of the committee to deal with industrialists' complaints of difficulties in procuring raw materials.

Bigger Israel Stand At World Fair

Israel's participation in the World Fair which is to open in New York in May will be expanded, and exhibits will be diversified, it was yesterday announced by Mr. M. Haezrachi, Director of the Export Division in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Jerusalem.

Mr. Haezrachi said that the Israel national pavilion will cover an area of 300 square metres, compared with 100m. last year. In addition to the national pavilion, Israel firms will participate in the trade displays. The pavilion will be directed by Mr. T. Justice-Dayan, Director of the Israel Fairs Corporation.

Israel is also to participate for the second time in the Poznan fair in Poland. The pavilion will be directed by Mr. M. Golan, of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Israel will also increase its participation in the Johannesburg fair which is opening today and the Israel display will be taken to Rhodesia and Lourence Marques after the closing of the Johannesburg fair.

Other fairs where Israel will display this year include Izmir, Zagreb, Salonika, Marseilles and Bari.

MISS BETTY Adele Herts, a tourist, yesterday complained to police that IL 3,000 worth of jewellery and $375 were stolen from under her pillow in the Hotel Nordau in Ramat Gan in her absence.

Cabinet Ruling Leaves Scouts Without Roof Over Their Heads

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Monday. — The Cabinet's decision to ban youth movement activities from schools is a completely unexpected blow to the Scout movement, "It may turn out to be a fatal one for it," Mr. Aryeh Kroch, Israel's Chief Scout, told The Jerusalem Post today.

Commenting on the decision, he said that it had come as a surprise to him, as it had been understood that the Scouts, who are not affiliated to any party or organization, would be exempted from the ban.

Mr. Kroch emphasized that he had not yet received details of the ban, but he took it for granted that it affected only activities in state elementary schools and not in others, such as high schools. All over the world the Scouts benefited from any help schools could afford them, and the new ban would harm the Israel Scouts.

The country's Arab Scouts would be especially affected. He feared that by depriving them of the chance of being Scouts they would be thrown into the arms of the Communist Party, which would no doubt be happy to offer an alternative.

No Jamboree Now?

The Chief Scout said that there were over 13,000 Scouts in Israel, of whom 2,000 were Arabs. Over half the 80 troops which make up the movement were run in state elementary schools. By banning them, they would be left literally without a roof over their heads, as the schools served as their meeting place. He also feared that the ban would make the projected holding of the Israel Jamboree on Mt. Carmel this summer impossible.

Even more important than the use of school buildings for meeting activities was the question of patronage. Hitherto the movement had enjoyed the patronage of the Ministry of Education, whose Director General was its president. In addition, half the members of the national committee were appointed by the Ministry, which had the right of intervention and control over Scout affairs. If the Ministry's patronage remained in force, the committee would try to work out a new solution with it. But if the patronage was withdrawn, the whole movement would have to be reorganized from scratch. This would be a hard blow indeed. It would leave the movement abandoned — as it was connected with no party — and might lead to a complete collapse. So far they had also received an annual grant of IL 15,000 from the Ministry. He did not know whether this would be withdrawn as well.

Mr. Kroch, who was shocked by the news, said that the Scouts' council would be called to a meeting within a few days to discuss the situation and consider what could be done to save the movement.

The Boy Scouts would be the principal sufferers from the ban because they were not affiliated to any organization that could offer them an alternative.

Federmann Elected K.D. Hotel Chairman

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mr. Yekutiel Federmann was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors and Managing Director of Palestine Hotels Ltd., owners of the King David Hotel, Jerusalem, at a meeting of the Board on Sunday night. Mr. Reuven Geffner, of Haifa, was appointed manager of the hotel, and Mr. J.H. Saban, Secretary of the Company, is also to be Deputy Manager.

U.S. Tourist Found Dead in Hotel

HAIFA, Monday. — David Sedled, 60, a tourist from Massachusets, died in his sleep at the Windsor Hotel during the night, apparently as a result of high blood pressure. Mr. Sedled, who arrived at the hotel last Thursday, was to have gone on a tour of Galilee this morning.

When a hotel employee called to wake him, he found him dead. The hotel immediately informed the American Consulate of the death.

Jackal Bites Man

SAFAD, Monday. — David Salameh, 45, an employee of Mata'ey Ha'umma Plantations, was bitten by a jackal early on Friday morning. He drove off the animal by striking it with a leather case he was carrying. He is now undergoing anti-rabies treatment.

Earlier the same morning a jackal attacked a chicken coop, and helped himself to several chickens. Their owner chased the animal off by dousing him with a bucket of fresh sheep's milk.

Sweet Water From New Well Near Sdom

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — A newly bored well seven kilometres west of Sdom has been yielding sweet water, it was revealed here today.

Tahal engineers who brought in the well are optimistic about the possibilities of increasing the flow. It is believed that the addition of water will contribute greatly to the development of the Sdom area.

EVIDENCE CONCLUDED IN DUEG TRIAL

The hearing of witnesses ended yesterday in the trial in the Jerusalem District Court of Moshe Dueg, charged with throwing a grenade in the Knesset last October.

Dueg's last witness, Mr. Hirsch Tabradjevo, a new immigrant, who was present in the Knesset gallery at the time of the incident, testified that he was one of the first persons to "raise a hand" against Dueg when the latter was held by the crowd after the explosion.

Asked by the Bench how he knew that Dueg had thrown the grenade, he answered "After serving 15 years in a Russian camp together with criminals, I have only to see a criminal to know one."

Asked why he had not pointed out Dueg before the grenade was thrown, the witness said it was because he did not believe that such a thing could happen in Israel.

Asked by Dueg to identify two men who had been in the gallery at the time, the witness declared that he had not seen them there.

Psychiatrists Confer

At Dueg's request, a meeting was held in the court between him and four psychiatrists. After conferring for an hour and then consulting with his legal advisor appointed by the Court, Dueg stated that he would not call them to testify.

The prosecution's summing up will be delivered on Thursday, and Dueg's defence on Sunday. (Itim)

City Executives Meet Bar-Yehuda

The Executives of the Jerusalem and Haifa municipalities yesterday met with the Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Bar Yehuda, in Jerusalem, and presented him with explanations of their respective Council decisions regarding next year's budgets and arnona rate.

Mayor Gershon Agron led the Jerusalem Executive and Mayor Abba Khoushi the Haifa Executive. Present at the meeting were Mr. Y. Shiva, the Ministry's Director-General, Mr. S.B. Yashaya, the Jerusalem District Representative, and Mr. S.S. Rutenberg, Ministry Financial Adviser.

Minister Critical Of Law Committee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, last night introduced his Ministry's budget for its second reading in the Knesset.

He told the members that additional judges and court officials were needed to expedite the disposition of court cases. He also criticized the work of the Knesset Law Committee and said that discussions there often dealt with minor details while neglecting matters of basic principle. He suggested that the Committee co-opt law professors and judges to assist it in its work.

Infiltrators Steal Two Camels

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — Infiltrators from Jordan on Sunday stole two camels valued at IL2,000 from the el Huzeil Beduin tribe in the Eastern Negev.

Heruti Hearings End, Decision Postponed

Hearing of the State's appeal against the acquittal of Yaacov Heruti of charges of leading a terrorist underground organization concluded yesterday before the Supreme Court in Jerusalem.

Mrs. M. Ben Porath, the Assistant State Attorney, claimed that evidence of Heruti's contacts with Dr. Sheib, editor of "Sulam," was sufficient to prove his leading role in such a terrorist organization. Mr. Y. Aderet for the defence declared that such an association was insufficient to prove that Heruti was involved in terrorist activities.

The Court postponed its decision in order to continue studying the evidence. The prosecution was not asked to answer Heruti's appeal against his conviction on charges of defaming a Magistrate, for which he already served over a year in prison.

Kastner Murder Appeals in May

The appeals of Yosef Menkes, Ze'ev Eckstein and Dan Shemer against their conviction for the murder of Dr. Yisrael Kastner will be heard by the Supreme Court at the beginning of May. It was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

At the same time the prosecution's counter appeal against their acquittal of charges of belonging to an underground terrorist organization will also be heard.

Planes Demonstrate At Farm Show

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT DAGON, Monday. — Low-flying planes skimmed over the orange groves here this afternoon, in demonstrations of insecticide-spraying by crews of Chimaviv and Meron air spraying companies. The planes, and many sizes and varieties of land-dubbing machines, were brought into action at the opening of the Department of Plant Protection's second annual exhibition. Twenty-four companies are exhibiting daily, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the agricultural exhibition grounds here.

Similar demonstrations will take place twice daily (at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.) during this week, and guides will be available throughout the exhibition. Technical films will also be shown.

It is hoped that farmers will avail themselves of the opportunity to see new machinery and that contact will be established between the manufacturer and users of machinery. Mr. Gideon Cohen, director of the Plant Protection Department, told the press this morning that damage estimated at IL50m. was caused every year by diseases and pests. The importance of insecticides and dusting could hardly be over-emphasised, since in a normal year — when there were no particularly widespread pests — we lost close on 10 per cent of the value of agricultural yield.

Visitors of Hamei Tiberia

throughout the country, young and old, are herewith invited, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the liberation of TIBERIAS to a

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CAVEAT COUNCILLORS

CITIZENS of Tel Aviv, Haifa and several other cities are watching with sympathy the present conflict between their respective municipalities and the Minister of Interior over the approval of budgets for the coming financial year. However, the sympathy appears to be with the Minister, who doubts the wisdom of increasing the local rates by another 15 per cent.

Reluctance to pay taxes is, of course, no valid reason to avoid an increase in revenue required to maintain vital public services. There are also considerable differences between the various towns as regards both the extent of municipal services and the tax burden. Moreover, the additional amount required from an individual citizen is rather modest, and for most people it will represent only a part of the sum they will save due to the abolition of the personal Defence Levy. But the citizens, unlike the majority of their councilmen, are not in a giving mood because they doubt whether the increase in revenue is really necessary.

The programme outlined by the local authorities at a recent meeting with the Ministers of Interior and Finance assumes a total additional expenditure of IL20-21m. in 1958/59, of which IL6-7m. is expected to be covered by an increase in revenue due to natural increase, the normal expansion of economic activity etc., and another IL3-4m. by efficiency cuts in spending on current items and by the collection of arrears, leaving one half of the additional budget to be financed by central government or — since that request has been met with a flat refusal — by higher rates.

But are not the suggested efficiency cuts rather low compared with what could and should be done if the ratepayers' money is to be spent efficiently?

In Tel Aviv alone arrears amount to IL12m. Is there no reason to argue that not all of the additional spending proposed is of very high priority? The anniversary celebrations are a providential opportunity for conspicuous spending, although the connection is often tenuous. Finally, as in former years, the budget has been voted in many municipalities in a haste that has precluded thorough discussion of the problems involved.

Palpably the time has come for a reform of our municipal finances. The proposed linking of local rates to income tax may prove an important step in this respect, not only from the social aspect — since income tax is more progressive than the present local rates — but also because it would do away with excessive arrears and make it possible to put an end to the present redundancy and waste in collection.

However, reform would have to go beyond such a step, for municipal revenue comes from a number of sources in addition to rates, and if local authorities are to retain some autonomy and not to be turned into local departments of the central administration, they must recover a full measure of responsibility in matters of expenditure as well.

As a matter of fact, some advance in this respect has been achieved in recent years. Budget gaps have narrowed down and the accounting methods improved. This, however, was due mainly to the vigilance of the State Controller and the active intervention of the Ministry of Interior, with local initiative playing a minor role. In many cases councillors regard it almost as their duty to increase expenditure regardless of the cash position and even of revenue prospects.

This problem, most acute in development projects, is obviously closely linked to the general inflationary tendency. The Tel Aviv municipality is not the only one to have been reprimanded for launching works financed by contractors' loans that will have to be repaid out of future budgets. And though there may be cases in which receipts are delayed simply by red tape or by a short cash position at the Treasury, generally the reason is an unrealistic easy-going optimism among the councillors, who prefer to postpone decisions to some future date instead of taking the bull by the horns and balancing the current budget.

However, initiative and development are in no way opposed to improved efficiency (vide the Jerusalem Municipality), and local authorities should regard it as one of their main tasks to serve as model institutions for civic education in this respect.

Economic News from Abroad

Coffee from Africa

● The coffee tide has turned, and while two years ago a world shortage sent prices sky-high, producers now seek in vain to dispose of the growing glut. Brazil's stocks reached over 13 million sacks by the end of January: exports are moving so slowly that growers prefer to sell their crop to the government at a low price, and there is once again talk of burning the surplus. In Colombia, the second biggest export country, minimum export prices have been fixed. All Western hemisphere producers have agreed to cut exports by 25 per cent for the April-June period, while Brazil is holding back 20 per cent of her entire crop. However, these measures are unlikely to alter the marketing situation, as the world coffee crop, now estimated at 40 million sacks, is expected to rise to 55 million in a few years. This growth is largely due to a shift in production from the Arabica plant variety, cultivated in American countries, to the Robusta variety that is grown in Africa. The Robusta plant matures in three years, compared with seven years for Arabica coffee, and it is favoured for manufacturing the "instant" type of coffee, for which there is an increasing demand. As a result, its price has increased by 18 per cent since last October, while the price of Colombian coffee is falling. Robusta coffee already accounts for a fifth of the world coffee crop and new trees are constantly being planted.

Too Many Tankers

● Over three million dead-weight tons of oil tankers are now laid up, and more are expected to follow in the near future. Negotiations are now proceeding between Mr. Onassis and other Greek tanker owners concerning a scheme for laying up a number of ships in order to send oil freight rates up. As a matter of fact, the big Greek tanker owners have been hit hardest by the current slump, for they have tended to keep their ships free from long-term charters and are heavily committed, in addition, by their speculative orders for new ships. On the strength of orders placed, 29 million tons of tankers are to be delivered in the coming five years, but frantic efforts are being made to cancel orders, even at a loss, or to transfer them to dry-cargo ships.

Defence Spending

● While there is much talk about the "dynamic effect" of the revised defence programme on the receding U.S. economy, the fact is that hopes entertained in that respect have been all but discarded since the overall increase in defence expenditure scheduled for next year will not exceed $500m. To be sure, new "procurement" orders, which had dropped from an annual rate of $21,500m. in the second quarter of 1956 to a rate of $8,600m. in the third quarter of 1957, are gradually picking up, but other expenditures have been cut instead in view of changing military requirements. Missiles, which accounted for less than two per cent of defence procurement in 1953, are scheduled to account for 24 per cent next year. Consumer spending is still running high and may even exceed the 1957 level if it is aided by tax reduction, but it is not expected to increase in such a way as to provide a new economic drive. Capital investments are still on the decrease, and experts are unanimous that this trend is likely to continue well into 1959. The only way to pull the American economy out of the slack seems therefore to be a bold increase in civilian programmes, such as housing, road construction, the building of post offices, flood control and possibly the impressive civil defence programme.

French Economic Plans

● The blueprint, drawn up by the State Planning Commission, for French economic development in the next four years foresees a national production 25 per cent higher than in 1956 and a favourable trade balance of $30m. a month in 1961. It also assumes that the personal standard of living will rise by three or four per cent annually. These targets are, however, based on several assumptions, among which the most important are that there will be no serious worldwide depressions, that France's military expenditures will gradually fall back to normal and military service will again be reduced to 18 months.

Employers to Insure Against Severance Pay

By MARK SEGAL, POST Labour Correspondent

THE acceptance by the Histadrut leadership of the inevitability of dismissals of redundant workers for the sake of the soundness of the economy as a whole was received with mixed feelings by employers in the non-public sector. For this acceptance in principle of "efficiency dismissals" was combined with a strong warning that the Trade Unions would insist on full regard for social welfare benefit agreements and on the defrayment of full severance pay to those who would be dismissed. For many employers who are interested in laying off a high proportion of their work force, this would involve a sudden outlay which might cause a serious shortage in liquid funds.

In response to this situation the Export Bank Ltd., financial organ of the Mayer Brothers Investment Corporation, took the initiative and established a central fund for severance pay — a sort of insurance for employers against dismissals. The Bank Leumi has announced that it is following suit, and it is understood that other institutions are to follow this lead.

Tax Free

As Mr. Mordechai Mayer says, "this fund takes a headache away from the industrialist for he knows that he can save for a bad year and not be confronted with the problem of money shortage when the need for retrenchment arises."

In keeping with the customary rate, the employer deposits 8.3 per cent of the employees' wages into the fund, and the bank invests the monies in accordance with an arrangement with the Finance Ministry, two-thirds going into Government securities and the rest in directed loans in line with instructions from the Bank of Israel. This percentage of the employees' wages is recognized as tax-free by the Treasury if paid into the Fund. The Export Bank undertakes to pay a minimal 5.5 per cent interest on the deposits, deducting one per cent for managing the Fund. The profits from investment and interest are also tax-free.

The possibility exists that payments can be arranged on a retroactive basis so that past severance pay can be deducted from tax assessments.

The employer will undertake under contract between himself and the Bank to deposit a set amount each month and is obliged thereby to submit a comprehensive list of his staff and their wages.

Under the contract, for a five-year period the employer is not allowed to withdraw monies for any purpose except severance pay. The Bank undertakes to pay the monies due to the dismissed employee within seven days of receipt of a registered letter announcing his dismissal. Although the scheme is only in its beginnings, employers are said to be revealing much interest.

Readers' Letters

SEVERANCE PAY FUND

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May we point out in connection with the Central Fund for Severance Pay being established by our bank that not only are the sums which an employer may allocate periodically towards his eventual liability for severance pay to his employees recognized as an allowable expense for tax purposes (while hitherto they were not) in addition, the income on the Fund's investments will be free of income tax.

Your readers may be interested to know that it is the employer who is a member of the Fund, and that a separate account will be kept for each member. Once a month a certified valuation will be made of the Fund's total assets, including interest, linking profits on the Fund's investments, and all appreciations in their value.

This will form a monthly basis for the correct assessment of the share of each member (employer) in the Fund's total assets. The Fund will make no allocations to open or hidden reserves, all accrued profits being taken into the above monthly valuation.

Yours, etc.,
A. DORON,
Secretary, Bank Leumi
Tel Aviv, March 23.

Local Citrus Deliveries Up

DELIVERIES of citrus fruit for local human consumption amounted to 48,800 tons up to March 8 this season, compared with 37,700 tons a year ago. At the same time, deliveries to the canning industry dropped from 29,600 to 23,000 tons.

The change was most marked as regards Shamuti oranges: while deliveries to the home market increased from 23,300 to 28,600 tons, the supply to industry was cut from 24,500 to 11,300 tons. Grapefruit deliveries to factories increased from 4,300 to 9,700 tons because of the special supply of export grades for the production of grapefruit segments. More lemons were also used for processing: 2,100 tons compared with 800 last season.

ISRAEL'S TRADE PARTNERS

THE U.S. supplied 27 per cent of Israel's imports in 1957, West Germany 13 per cent, Britain 10 per cent, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, Finland and France about three per cent each, Canada and Yugoslavia about two per cent and Sweden, Belgium and Denmark one per cent each. Britain took 22 per cent of all Israel exports, the U.S. 15, Turkey and Belgium seven each, Switzerland six, Finland and West Germany five each, France, Yugoslavia, Holland, Italy and Sweden three to four per cent each. Turkey was still the only major country with which Israel had a favourable credit balance. Exports to Finland covered slightly over half of our imports; exports to Britain, two-thirds.

Israel Public Works Firms Earn Abroad

Public works undertaken by Israel firms abroad have resulted in an income of $1.5m. which was transferred to the Treasury during the last 18 months, it is announced by the Finance Ministry's spokesman, in Jerusalem.

The Finance Ministry has also recently approved the plan for the establishment of a construction firm by Solel Boneh in partnership with the Ghanaian Government. The company's initial capital will amount to £200,000.

Hybrid Sorghum to Save Dollars

By Our Economic Editor

FOLLOWING the successful production of hybrid maize, seeds which already cover the entire requirements of Israel agriculture, the Hazera company is now attempting to develop the local production of hybrid sorghum seeds in order to improve our sorghum, an important source of animal fodder.

Improved seeds of winter grains grown, cleaned and sorted by Hazera have enabled farmers to raise yields by 15 per cent.

The hybrid maize variety seeds have resulted in an increase of about 20 per cent, while increases of 20-25 per cent have been achieved for sorghum, with even better results expected in future.

One hybrid variety yielded 40 per cent more than ordinary seeds, and another more than doubled the ordinary yield. Results achieved in the U.S., which has been leading in this field, also point in this direction and encourage Hazera experts to continue their research work, although creation of sorghum hybrids is technically much more difficult than with winter cereals and maize.

In 1957, the sorghum sown area was 200,000 dunams and the average yield 200 kg. per dunam. An increase of the average by a quarter would add 10,000 tons of fodder that is now imported, save the country $1m. in foreign currency, and raise farmers' income by IL1.8m.

Other projects currently worked upon at the Hazera farms and by farmers associated with it include the production of improved seeds of clover, lucerne, and other fodder plants. The yield of one clover variety has already been increased from an average of 20-25 kg. of seeds per dunam five years ago to an average of 75 kg., with some farms getting over 100 kg. Trial shipments of several seed varieties have been made to Britain and the U.S., and favourable prospects are seen for this export trade.

In the past year, Hazera's turnover amounted to IL5m. and exports approached $80,000 — three times as much as in 1956. The Hazera company, a joint venture of the labour settlements and Hamashbir, maintains farms and seed grading plants with a total acreage of 15,000 dunams which are to be expanded to 25,000 dunams this year.

Stocks and Commodities

Tel Aviv Market Indifferent to C.o.L. Index

THE two-point rise in the C.o.L. index for January announced on February 15 had no effect whatsoever on index-linked bonds. It appears that the market is becoming indifferent to index changes, and bond prices are now well under their adjusted par value based on the 209 point index. Palestine Electric 6¼ per cent bonds (first issue) are about 4½ points short of it, second issue close to four points, 6½ per cent Keren Hayesod close to 4½ points, Rassco 4½, Local Authorities close to five, Defence Bonds between 5½ and 5¾, and 6 per cent Keren Hayesod close to six points under the adjusted par.

Not much has changed in the dollar-linked section, the bulk of which are also under par value.

In the ordinary shares section, I.L.D.C. moved up by two points, but lost ¾ points on Sunday, while Ata and Kurdaneh advanced by one point and lost ¼ on Sunday. Moller Textile lost 110 prutot during the week, while Dead Sea debentures withdrew by 7½ points. Palestine Cold Storage were two points down with smaller losses registered on Potash ordinary shares, Delek shares, Lodzia prefs and others. Bank Leumi Investment Company ordinary "B" shares will pay a 10 per cent cash dividend. The price of the shares remained unchanged.

On the "curb" the price of I.O.F. was slightly better at between IL4 and IL4.300 and Naphta between 85 and 90 per cent.

Lively transactions are taking place in the Housing Savings bonds, with the yield tending to drop. The issue of series Zayin stopped on March 24; altogether IL11.5m. worth of bonds were issued in the series. The bulk of series Aleph, however, which was due on January 15 and amounted to IL3 million, was redeemed. The particulars for the other series are as follows:

Beth — IL2m. — due April 15
Gimmel — IL1½m. — due June 1
Dalet — IL2m. — due July 1
Heh — IL1m. — due August 3
Vav — IL1m. — due August 23
Zayin — IL1m. — due Sept. 11

New York Better After Hesitant Week

WALL Street closed the week on a firm note against a somewhat more favourable economic news background. The market was also helped by the view of the head of the Bank of America that strong natural forces were pressing for an up-turn. The Labour Department reported that the Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 per cent from mid-January to mid-February to a new record of 122.5 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

The Dow Jones average for 30 Industrials was 452.49 (after 447.38 earlier in the week) against 453.04 last week, and for Rails 105.89 (after 104.15) as against 106.27 last week.

London Prices Soar on Bank Rate Drop

THE announcement on Thursday of the reduction of the minimum Bank Rate from seven to six per cent was the best news that the London markets have had in many months. Leading Industrials showed gains extending to two or three shillings, while Gilt-Edged advanced steadily. On Friday, quieter conditions returned to the market and some of the Industrials failed to hold earlier gains. Among the foreigners, German and Japanese bonds were in demand. Operators continued paying attention to Wall Street and as a result showed no great desire to extend their commitments. Gold shares receded, probably on switchings into other sections. Oil shares were easier.

Reuter's Daily Index for Gilt-Edged was 72.7 as against 72.1 last week and for Industrials 188.2 as against 183.9; for Kaffirs 71.2 as against 70.9.

According to recent statistics; the market value of securities quoted on the London Stock Exchange is about £28,500m. made up of £16,500m. in loan capital, approximately £11,000m. in ordinary shares and £1,000m. in preference capital.

Bourse Irregular, Gold Firm in Paris

THE Bourse remained irregular with Compagnie Francaise des Petroles good on unconfirmed rumours of Government approval of its research projects in the Sahara in cooperation with Standard Oil. These shares were quoted on Friday at Ffrs.51,400.–, up Ffrs.900.– for the day.

On the Paris gold market, prices were firm, reflecting domestic political uncertainties. The upward move was, however, checked by offers presumed to be coming from the Bank of France.

Out of about 2m. sovereigns recently minted in the Royal Mint in London, some 200,000 have been sold to Authorized Dealers at the price of $9.25, i.e. a premium of 11 per cent ($39 per ounce). This gold is going mainly to the Middle East and Greece. Before this sale began at the beginning of this year, sovereigns were quoted at $9.75.

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Tel Aviv Stock Market

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Pop. Loan 1955/59 (IL500)	100
6% Comp. Loan 56/67	72½
Pal. Bonds 3rds. Ser. 3	98½
3½% Comp. (Loan)	89½
3½% War Loan 55/59	95
3½% Travel Dollar B)	89½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	93
Def. Loan Bonds 48% f)	100½
4½% Def Bonds f)	98½
4½% Def. Bonds g)	101½
4½% Loc. L. Debs. f)	98
4½% Loc. L. Debs. g)	101½
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (L.5n.)	216
4½% Bonds 55/63 f)	101½
ditto g)	100½
Keren Hayesod	
4½% Deb. 53/63 f)	97½
ditto g)	104½
6% Deb 53/63 f)	96½
ditto g)	96½
Egroth Ltd.	
6½% Deb. 53/63 f)	99½
Rassco 6½% Deb. 53/63	
Class "A" f)	96½
Class "B" g)	104½
Mk. Leumi ord. sh.	250
Bezeq Savings Cert. '59	93½
Mk. Leumi Investment	
Ord. sh. "B" reg.	102½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	76½
"Kurdaneh" ord. "B"	76½
7% con. debs. 59/63	73½
"Tera" ord. sh.	82
Pal. Cold St. ord. sh. reg.	113
Pass 6% debs. 60/64 reg.	94½
Shar 4% debs. 54/63	91
Shr 5% pref. sh.	89
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord sh.	75½
Rassco 6% pref. ord. sh.	82½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	75½
5% debs.	77
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	58
Moller ord. sh. reg.	1030
Pal. Brewery 6% con. debs	78½
Assis Bejarano "B" sh.	32
Nesher 6% debs. "A" 53/64	114½
Pal. Potash "A" ord. sh.	56
Dead Sea Works	
5% Deb. reg.	211½
Delek ord. sh. "C"	63
Mekorot pref. sh.	79½
Jordan Exploration Co.	
Ord. sh. reg.	76

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex. coupon; d) ex-dividend; e) ex-right; f) linked with $; g) linked with C.o.L.; x) in % of IL1,800.

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Ser. E.	98½
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Busmen's Policy: Wages First

By Our Economic Correspondent

THE fight over the management and wage policy of the Eshed transport cooperative is on the point of erupting again. This fight is almost as old as the State, and despite many government warnings the co-ops have always been able to do as they liked. This time, however, the fight is a three-cornered one, for the Histadrut has stepped in with the determination to bring them to heel. We may therefore have an opportunity to do something about the transport problem.

The public is mainly interested in fares and in the better organization of transport, to do away with queues and improve connections between outlying places. The Government is also interested in fares because they figure in the cost-of-living index, and keeping them down while recognizing higher costs is likely to call for additional subsidies from the Treasury. The Histadrut is concerned with the influence of transport costs on the economy and with the authority of its Executive over the co-ops which have been able to defy it more than once.

Fares Not Exorbitant

Our bus fares are not exorbitant in comparison with those that prevail in many other countries, especially since haulage costs are high. Small increases on certain lines would probably do no real harm — if it were not for the cost-of-living index. Incalculable harm is done, however, by time wasted and nerves frayed in long queues, bad travelling conditions and exhausting bus journeys. Any reorganization of bus travel must therefore deal not with fares only but with travel conditions in general.

Opinions vary widely as to the best means of reorganization. Everyone is agreed that the main obstacle to reform is the cooperatives' monopoly: where there has been competition, as on the Haifa-Tel Aviv run with its cheap and speedy rail service, the result has indeed been an improvement in bus travel. It is therefore not surprising that plans are being made to provide additional competition by licensing additional co-ops or companies which would put Egged "on its toes."

When the transport problem was first discussed years ago it was found that the co-ops made use of their monopoly by exploiting the public for the private benefit of a small number of owners-drivers. They did not bother to accumulate capital, which should have enabled them to renew their equipment; they invested their earnings in houses and they depended on the Government for the capital — in foreign currency — that they required for purchasing new vehicles. The wages they paid to members of the co-ops were so high that they became the standard by which physicians and scientists measured their own salaries.

The substantial increase in drivers' wages that has brought about the latest conflict between the co-ops, the Government and the Histadrut shows that the co-ops believe that they can continue along this line. In the past they were successful in preventing competitors from entering the field: once they even blocked the roads. They are also aware that the solution of nationalization, once zealously advocated by reformers, has lately lost much of its glamour.

At the first glance the problem still appears to be a classical case for nationalization, for obviously this transport enterprise is hampered in its development and reform by the excessive profits which the licensee takes out of the enterprise instead of investing it for development and improvement. It can be argued that once we do away with these excessive profits and wages all will be well. This approach is favoured, among others, by the railway management, which also maintains that such vital services as transport should not be in the hands of private companies. But would the State do better, and cut costs as well as fares?

Our experience with nationalized enterprises has not all been encouraging. Plants and companies taken over by the State have been slow to cut expenditure and shown a dangerous tendency to lean on the Government for additional capital and for subsidies.

In order to find the right solution to the transport problem we must get at its root — the complete separation of wages from profitability. In a normal enterprise the owner — be it an individual or the members of a cooperative — will first see to it that they pay their expenditure, including depreciation, and set aside the sum necessary for re-equipment before deciding what wages, salaries and dividends they will be able to pay. In the case of the co-ops the procedure is the other way round. The wages taken out for the members come first and only afterwards is the question asked where the money for re-equipment is to come from. This can be done because thus far the Government has always made up the difference by paying fuel subsidies and by providing new vehicles at low prices. We cannot be sure that nationalization will change this procedure substantially. More than one company has become accustomed to having the Treasury make up its deficits year after year.

Any solution of the transport problem must be based on the principle that the relation between wages and profits must be restored to normal. Once transport enterprises are managed so that wages are the result of good management and not of subsidies and that re-equipment must figure on the balance sheet, things will improve. In the Histadrut, which has now entered the fight, an increasing number of people begin to see this point of view. It is to be hoped that they will carry the day.

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